

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#4

INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: Neersville Volunteer Fire Company Readmission Request to the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission

ELECTION DISTRICT: Blue Ridge

STAFF CONTACT(S):
Chief Joseph E. Pozzo, Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management
Douglas G. Rambo, Chairman, Fire and Rescue Commission

BACKGROUND:

The Neersville Volunteer Fire Company, located at 11762 Harpers Ferry Road in Loudoun County, VA has requested to be readmitted to the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission (Commission).

In a letter dated May 3, 2006 to Commission Chairman Douglas Rambo, the Neersville Volunteer Fire Company (Company) communicated that it no longer recognized the governing authority of the Commission (Attachment #1). Essentially through this letter, the Company officially withdrew from the governance established by the Board of Supervisors and from the Fire and Rescue system.

Operational service to the response area served by this station location has been effectively carried out by the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management (Department) with full support of the Commission. Currently the Department staffs this location twenty-four hours a day with twenty total personnel staffing one engine company, one ambulance and one tanker apparatus. Since January of 2007 and in collaboration with the Commission, the Department has assumed payment responsibilities of operational expenses for the Company, utilizing appropriated locally tax funded volunteer company contribution funds escrowed by the Commission for this specific purpose.

In a letter dated June 9, 2009 to Commission Chairman Douglas Rambo, the Company is requesting to be readmitted to the governance established by the Board of Supervisors and to the Fire and Rescue system (Attachment #2).

In response to the June 9, 2009 memo from the Company, Commission Chairman Rambo through a letter dated July 8, 2009 to the Company has requested certain information from the Company, outlined a review process, and proposed a tentative date for this item to be placed on a Commission agenda (Attachment #3).

Staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide updated information on this matter.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment 1.--- May 3, 2006 Neersville Volunteer Fire Company letter

Attachment 2.--- June 9, 2009 Neersville Volunteer Fire Company letter

Attachment 3.--- July 8, 2009 Fire and Rescue Commission letter